

SENATE BILL 1480

By Ford, O.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 3, Part 5 and Title 68, Chapter 4, relative  
to death certificates and medical certifications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-502, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) The funeral director, or person acting as funeral director, who first assumes custody of the dead body shall file the death certificate. The funeral director shall obtain the personal data from the next of kin or the best qualified person or source available, and shall obtain the medical certification from the person responsible for medical certification, as set forth in subsection (c). No funeral director, or person acting as funeral director, shall take custody of the dead body until the medical certification is completed and signed by the person responsible.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.